

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: 10221 Falls Road Inventory Number: M: 29-60
 Address: 10221 Falls Road Historic district: yes ☒ no
 City: Potomac Zip Code: 20854 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Rockville
 Property Owner: Jaquelyn H. Marsh Tax Account ID Number: 00856663
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): FP43 Tax Map Number: P801
 Project: Falls Road Hiker/Biker Trail Agency: Montgomery Co Dept. of Public Works & Tr
 Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Sarah Traum Date Prepared: 3/14/2005
 Documentation is presented in: Montgomery County Historical Society
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staf yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

*The principal building on this property is a vernacular two-story gable-front house that measures three bays wide and two bays deep. The frame structure is clad with asbestos shingles and stands on a parged foundation. An asphalt-shingle roof with open eaves caps the building. Most of the windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash, with a Chicago-type triple window located on the front (west) façade and the north elevation. All windows have plain board surrounds. The front (west) entry is a wooden French door with a modern storm door. A simple pedimented entry porch with square wooden posts shelters this entrance. A one-story shed-roof wing stretches across the rear (east) elevation. This rear addition is also of frame construction, with vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle roof. A wooden deck is attached to the south elevation of the rear wing and the core.

A gravel drive leads into the property from Falls Road. Southwest of the house is a two-car concrete-block garage. The property features scattered mature trees, with foundation plantings of shrubs around the house and garage. A row of deciduous trees along Falls Road forms a screen for the property.

Through the mid-twentieth century, the area around the south portion of Falls Road in Montgomery County, where this property is located, was focused on agriculture, with many small farms along the road. At the south end of Falls Road is the crossroads

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

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MHT Comments: *Undistinguished example of common bldg. type - lacks integrity.*

Jim Paulman
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/5/05
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Reviewer, National Register Program

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community of Potomac (formerly Offutt's Crossroads). This community grew up in the early nineteenth century to serve the needs of local residents. Beginning in the mid-twentieth century, many of the small farms along Falls Road were purchased for subdivision for new housing developments (Sween and Offutt 1999:171).

Assessment records state that this property was built in 1900. No building appears at this location on an 1865 map of the area (Martenet 1865), but by the 1908 Rockville, MD.-VA. quadrangle, there is a building at this location (USGS 1908). The architectural details of this house, such as the triple and six-over-six windows, and open eaves are typical of vernacular buildings of the early twentieth century.

This property is recommended eligible for listing in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion C because it is an intact vernacular dwelling and an example of the early twentieth century development of Falls Road. This house exhibits integrity of location, design, setting, and materials. The building stands on its original site. The only changes in form to this building are the rear wing and deck. These minor additions do not diminish the overall design integrity of the house. While the setting of 10221 Falls Road has changed from primarily agricultural to suburban, this house still sits on a large one-acre lot, with scattered mature trees. When built, this house was sited on a large, two acre, lot, not as part of a farm or other large tract (Deets and Maddox 1917). While asbestos shingles were presumably not the original exterior cladding for this dwelling, they were probably installed over fifty years ago and so are a historic alteration to the building. The installation of the asbestos shingles did not destroy existing architectural detail, including the simple gabled entry porch and simple board window surrounds. This house retains its ability to convey its significance as an early twentieth-century vernacular house.

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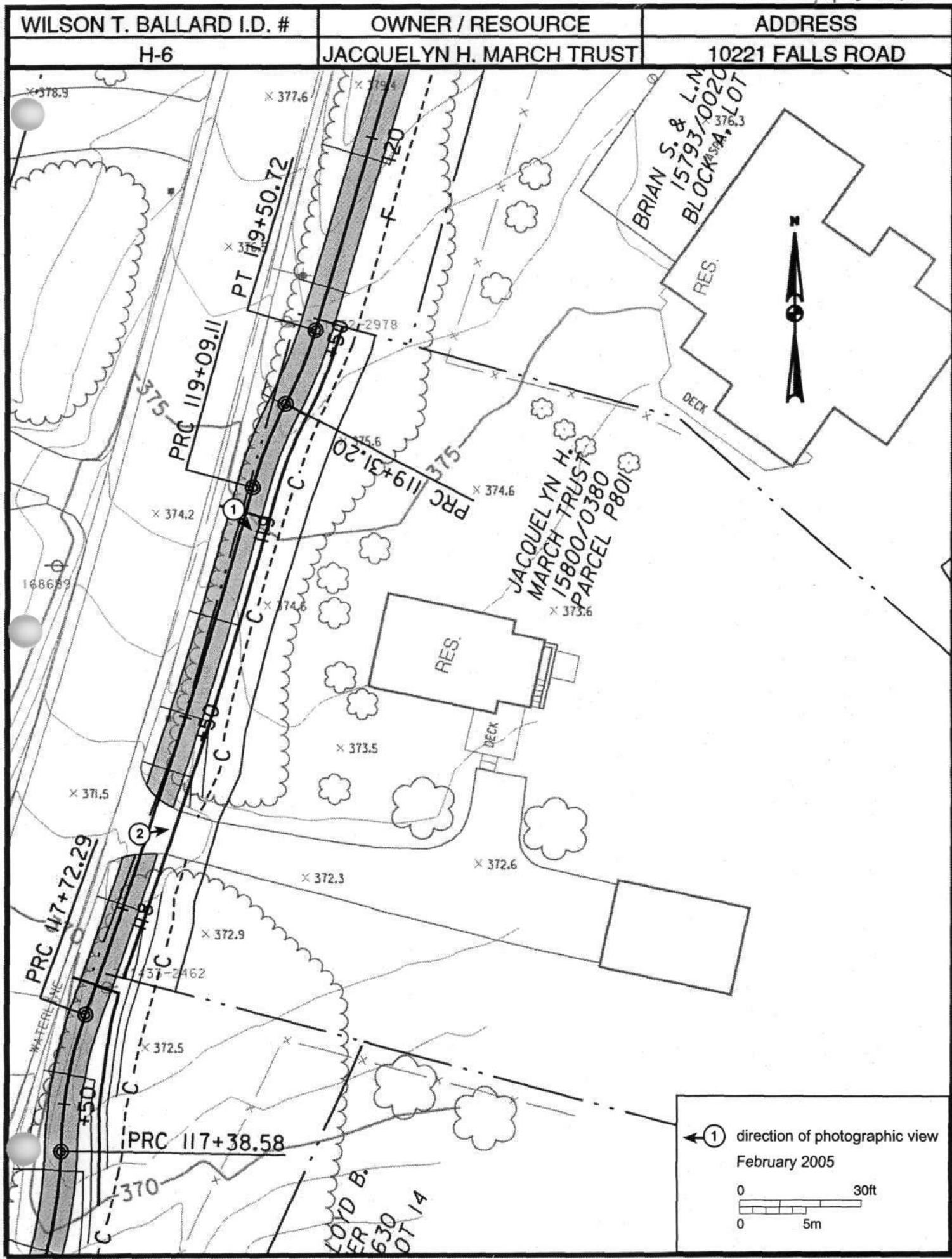
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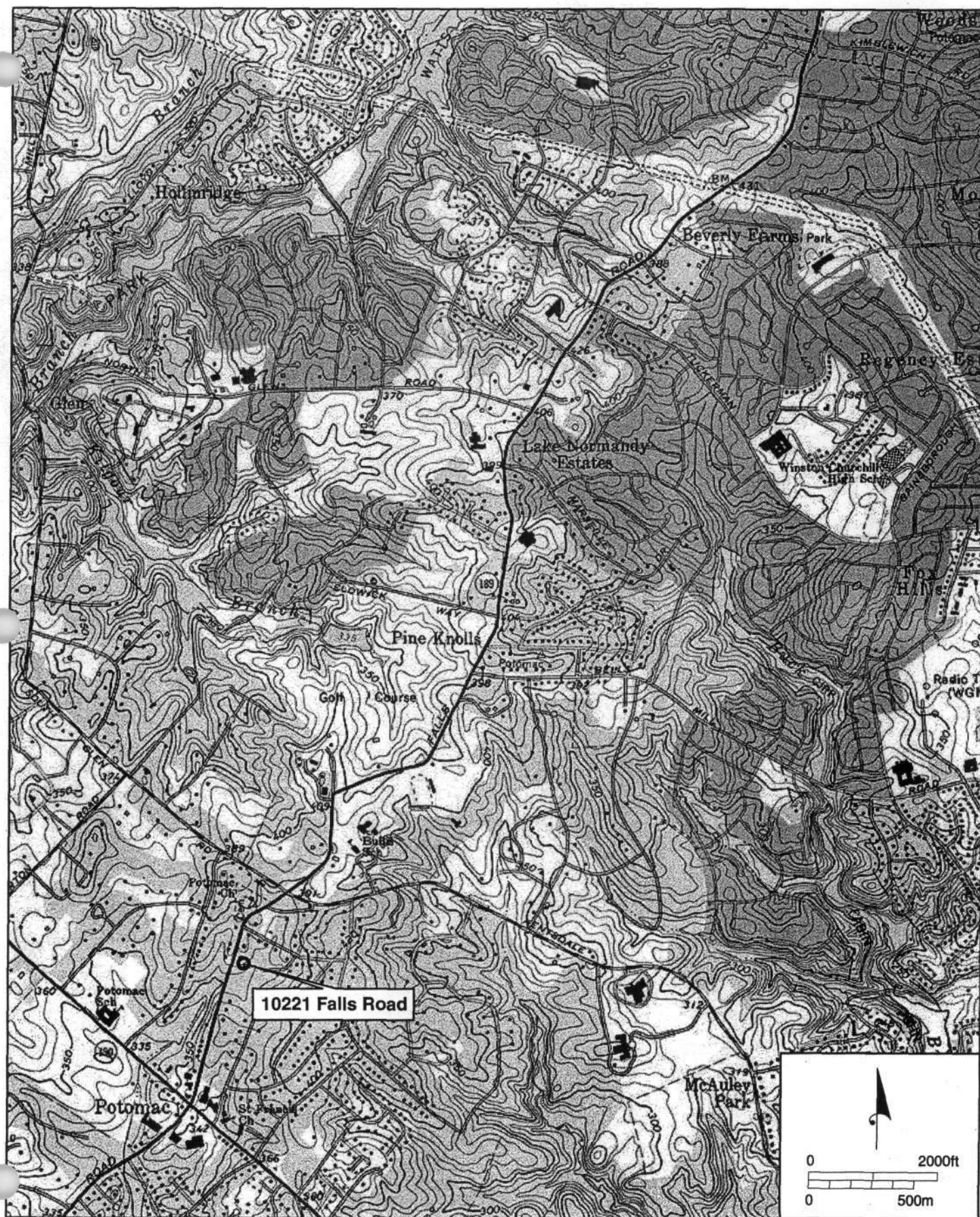
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10221 FALLS ROAD
POTOMAC, MONTGOMERY CO.



Rockville, MD-VA. 7.5-minute quadrangle. Reston, VA:1984.



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